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John, George,

Below I inquired with you a couple of weeks ago as to what, if any, position NMED holds regarding the El Paso Water Utilities' request for an aquifer exemption. In 2 days I will be briefing our water division management and they are likely to ask if NMED has expressed an opinion or concern. Even if you cannot provide an informal opinion at this time, I would appreciate a response to that effect.

As for our informal review of the application, we have significant concerns over the modeling provided thus far. We are not looking for any kind of decision on our manager's part, we are simply informing them of our activities thus far and looking for any feedback they may wish to provide. Thanks.

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John, George

I understand you have been part of the NMED team to hold discussions with EPWU on their proposed exemption located very close the Texas - New Mexico border. The latest round of modeling I have shows the plume not reaching the border, a matter that will undergo a significant amount of scrutiny by our technical staff before we buy into it. I suspect you are interested in that aspect of the application as well. I intend to keep you fully informed on our findings concerning that aspect. I think it prudent that both agencies do so. If NMED has already formulated a position/opinion on the matter, I would appreciate knowing that position. For example, if NMED has technical concerns with the modeling, we'd like to know what those are. Thanks.

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